



Rackheath Neighbourhood Development Plan – Final Decision Statement

The decision:

Following a referendum on 19th July 2017, in which more than half of those who voted did so in favour of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, Broadland District Council has decided to 'make' the Rackheath Neighbourhood Development Plan part of the Development Plan for the District. This decision was taken at the full Council meeting of 20 July 2017.

Reasons for the decision:

In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Broadland District Council appointed an independent examiner in April 2017 to assess the submitted Rackheath Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The examiner conducted his examination based on written evidence and concluded that, subject to certain modifications, the Plan meets the basic conditions and that it should proceed to a referendum in Rackheath.

Broadland District Council considered the recommendations of the examiner and agreed with his proposed modifications of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan proceeded to a referendum, which took place on 19th July 2017. The result of the referendum was as follows:

Question in referendum	Number of votes	
	YES	NO
Do you want Broadland District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Rackheath to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?	214	43

If a referendum results in more than half of those voting doing so in favour of the proposal then the local planning authority must make the Neighbourhood Development Plan as soon as reasonably practical, unless it considers that this would breach or be incompatible with any EU obligation or any of the Convention Rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).

At its meeting of 20th July 2017 Broadland District Council approved and made the Rackheath Neighbourhood Development Plan.